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The early days of autumn are proving to be the best of the summer.

Spineless Greece sending an ultimatum to Germany and Bulgaria—it makes a joke.

There are no joy rides in those new British "tanks" which move over the battlefield.

Great Britain could apologize to the United States on the Cebu incident without loss of prestige in the least.

Those strike sympathizers in New York City are getting in some excellent target practice along the line of military preparedness.

Even the support of Theodore Roosevelt could not pull Robert Bacon through in his fight for the New York senatorial nomination. Yet Bacon is a good man.

We pity the person who cannot be in Vermont at this season of the year and we pity the person who can be in Vermont and does not take advantage of the opportunity.

Judging by the large size of the freshman class at the institution, Norwich university must have profited by the warlike flutter that went through the country during the summer. A class numbering well toward a hundred makes a substantial addition to the Northfield institution.

The American people continue to aid the suffering Belgians, and the German government, it is alleged, continues to mulct the Belgian banks in order to meet war loans. So, indirectly, the American people are aiding in the German prosecution of the war. Is not that a violation of neutrality?

Several newspapers told that the father of the three Jordan children in Brookfield, who died of infantile paralysis, sent to Randolph and purchased coffins for the burial of the children. We trust that the newspapers were wrong in their statement and that the quarantine of the remaining members of the Jordan family was not so lax as to permit a member of it to depart for one instant from the house in which he resides, to say nothing of going to another community and transacting business among the merchants of that place. If the efforts to check the spread of the disease are to amount to anything the most strict adherence to the rules of quarantine must be insisted upon. We cannot believe that the state or the local health authorities would permit any person who had run the chance of being exposed to the disease, even as a carrier, to go about the home community or any other community. There must have been some error in the newspaper story.

CO. C BOYS, WELCOME HOME.

Welcome home to the boys of Co. C, 1st Vermont infantry, and to the attached sanitary corps! The members of those two organizations, practically all University of Vermont students, have been going through a course of training on the Mexican border which will put them in shape for actual war service any time during the next two decades should the emergency arise. No should their present service be overlooked, for they, in conjunction with the 1st Vermont infantry and the other National Guard organizations of the United States, have been doing routine work on the border, work which seemed essential to maintain the dignity and integrity of the American government, and they have been doing it well. Three months they have given to their country, foregoing the comforts of home life and the opportunity to earn money, in order that peace might be made certain and that the best traditions of the United States might not be ruthlessly trampled upon by a neighboring conglomeration called a nation. That which they were called upon to do they did. We are thankful that the necessity did not arise, in which they would have been called upon to do more. The boys of Co. C, as well as the boys of the entire 1st Vermont infantry, have earned the praise of the state and the nation. The war department was good to the former in sending them back from the border in time to resume their college work at the opening of the college year. We trust that the sacrifice has not set any of them back seriously so that the plans for the completion of their college courses will be interrupted.

ALL APPRECIATED EXCEPT HOME PRODUCT.

The New York Evening Sun says: "Western apples, all apples are welcome here and have their place. One apple only is likely to be underestimated, and that is the one grown at home."

There is a great deal of truth in what the contemporary says, and the state-apples to Vermont as well as to New York. We Vermonters welcome Oregon apples, all kinds of apples, even the apples from New York state and yet we think little of the product of our own orchards in Vermont. We pay outrageous prices for Oregon fruit which comes

nicely packed in cases, just because it is nicely packed and because the storekeepers polish the apples to a ruddy glow which looks like a golden aureole and then because the storekeepers tack a fancy price on the same in keeping, we suppose, with the prices which they have to pay wholesale. And all the time, the Vermont apples, many of which varieties are just as palatable as the Oregon product, are carelessly thrown into barrels without much effort at sorting and certainly without much chance for display purposes and are shipped away for what the dealers in other states are willing to pay and not for what the apples really ought to be worth. There are a few exceptions to the general rule in Vermont; a few producers have taken a lesson from their Oregon competitors and they take pains to pack the fruit nicely and with the best opportunity for display, with the result that they are getting better prices than formerly. In this phase of farming, the raising of apples, there seems to be a great chance for improvement in Vermont, an improvement in methods of handling the product and an improvement in the marketing of the apples. Vermont's apples ought to be worth as much as the Oregon and other states' products.

CURRENT COMMENT

The State Ticket.

Comment on the returns from the primaries for the state ticket would seem superfluous. The result with the exception of auditor and lieutenant governor was a foregone conclusion. With Horace Graham as governor, and a splendid team with him Vermont should be well pleased, and it can be stated for a certainty that Mr. Graham will give a good account of himself, as well as his associates on the ticket. The thing for the legislature to do is to stand solidly back of Mr. Graham, and not try to block any of the things he may want to put through. No man in the state is as well versed as to its needs as he. It looks as though the legislature were to have some strong men in it. While we do not know what is in Mr. Graham's mind, we will gamble that whatever he intends doing will stand inspection. It is up to the legislature to see he has the proper support.—Northfield News.

Co-operative Buying.

F. H. Abbott, agricultural agent for Washington county, is urging the farmers to do more co-operative buying. It is conceivable that farmers would do well to buy certain necessities collectively direct. Possibly fertilizers could be named as one of the important articles that might be bought in this manner at a considerable saving. Co-operative buying, however, could easily be carried too far. While it may be claimed that farmers are independent, that they do not require the home merchant, it would be fatal for the agriculturists to pursue a business policy that would be antagonistic to local mercantile interests. The town is absolutely necessary to the rural community. The farmers would suffer untold inconveniences and losses if they did not have the merchants within convenient distance. In any advocacy of co-operative buying by farmers, the importance to the farmer of prosperous country merchants should be properly taken account of.—Rutland News.

The Rejected Lewis Gun.

The best machine gun is American-made and the invention of an American. Each day in the fighting along the Somme 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition are fired by British gunners from 30,000 Lewis machine guns. A West Pointer, Col. Lewis, U. S. A., retired, conceived and perfected the weapon. He offered his invention in 1910 free to the United States government. The offer was rejected. For two years Col. Lewis continued to make his offer. As often as he did so it was refused. The gun is held to be the best weapon of its class in use to-day in the mighty struggle in Europe. Its efficiency is one of the reasons for the present British advance. The British have it and "officially" we have not approved of it. To be sure, our troops in Texas, through the courtesy of the British government, have a limited supply of Lewis guns. We may have more by paying for them and also paying the royalty of the company now in possession of the invention. But the ugly fact remains that the gun was rejected by our ordnance department and is still "unapproved."

Officers of the United States army quite agree with the British that the Lewis gun is the best of its kind. The board, headed by Capt. Halstead Dorey, found the gun superior to the gun approved by the ordnance department and so reported.

Capt. Crozier, chief of ordnance U. S. A., has an elaborate explanation attempting to show why his department prefers the gun displaced by the Lewis weapon from the British first line. Practical experience appears to be against him. Now the army is going to try to repair the damage by new tests.—Boston Globe.

JINGLES AND JESTS

His Status.

"What are you, my man, a plain tramp?"
"You might say so, mum. Or, if you wishes to follow the plan so prevalent these days of giving everything a special name—"

"You might call me an inefficiency expert."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

It was the rush hour in one of those quick lunch places where you help yourself and use the arm of your chair as a table. A man called for a piece of pie, and chose a chair then, remembering that he wanted coffee, he dashed over to the service counter. When he returned with his coffee his chair was occupied by another hurry-up diner.
"Excuse me," said the first man, "but that is my chair."
"How do you know it is your chair?" demanded the occupant in a surly tone.
"Because I can prove it," stated the first man.
"How can you prove it?" asked the occupant.
"By your trousers," was the reply.
"You are sitting on my pie."—Pickings, Beckley street.

THERE'S MANY A SLIP

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter from Judge Weeks.

To the Editor of The Times: I wish to express my appreciation of the efforts which a large number of friends put forth in my behalf in my recent canvass for the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor. My contest has been a friendly one, free from personalities, and I shall be loyal to the nominee. I am grateful for the many kind things which were said in my favor and I hope still to deserve the good will of my fellow-Vermonters.

John E. Weeks.

HELD AT ST. MONICA'S.

Funeral of Fortunato Puricelli Who Died Monday Morning.

The funeral of Fortunato Puricelli, whose death at his home on upper Prospect street Monday morning followed a long illness, was held in St. Monica's church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, officiating. Six members of the Italian Old Men's society acted as bearers and the honorary bearers were also chosen from that society. Mr. Puricelli having been a member of the organization for several years. Those who acted as pall bearers were: J. Calderara, E. Ottolini, C. Morio, A. Brusa, A. Abbiati and L. Garabaldi. There were several fine floral tributes. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Everybody is cordially invited to a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Poor next Saturday evening, September 23. Plenty of room indoors if the weather is cool. This is probably the last one of the season and there's going to be something doing.

At the auction of Holstein cattle at Fred Poor's last Monday, cows sold from \$35 to \$79, heifers from \$36 to \$63, and calves from \$13 to \$17. One calf, two weeks old, sold for \$8. This stock belonged to George T. Colby and contrary to the opinion expressed by some at the sale, every animal put up was actually sold and nothing bid in. It was held at Fred Poor's because the barn and yard were much more convenient for an auction than is that of the owner. C. F. Smith of Barre was auctioneer.

Friends of Miss Myrtle Gifford of Randolph, who with her sister, Celia, visited in town a short time ago, will be pleased to know that she has accepted the position of teacher of art and drawing at Montpelier seminary and begins work there this term.

Rural teachers in town are as follows: Gale school, Miss Ella M. Lackey, Montpelier; Lynde, Miss Elizabeth McDonald, Cutler Corner; Clogston, Miss Pauline Darling, Chelsea; South Hill, Faye A. Beards, Brookfield; Red Meeting house, Miss Edna Seaver; Baptist street, Mrs. Mary Findlater, Barre; Seaver, Mrs. J. G. Pirie, Granville; quarry schools, Misses Gleason, Bailey and Kennedy; Martin school, Miss Ethel Erskine; Boyce, Miss Ruby Reed, Brookfield.

Miss Eva McDonald of Barre returned to her former place as bookkeeper for Passera Bros. the 20th.

Mrs. Ellen Harrington, who has been in town for a few weeks on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Martha Poland, has returned to her home in Springfield, Mass.

Mrs. Nettie Bruce Martin of Waitfield is a guest at Thomas D. Poland's.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"Ramona."

Analysis of the amazing popularity of the W. H. Clune cinema operatic spectacle, "Ramona," shows that this success was scored mainly because of perfect translation from book to screen of text, atmosphere and settings that made the original Helen Hunt Jackson romance one of the two most popular novels in English print. The photodrama is not an adaptation of the usual kind. The book itself was the only scenario used, and Mr. Clune during the long nine-month task of producing the spectacle maintained the iron rule that the letter and spirit of the printed narrative must be religiously adhered to and that "movie stunts" and invented "thrills" must not be resorted to. "Ramona" is to be seen here at the opera house Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22 and 23.—adv.

May Robson Next Tuesday.

The same May Robson, who has delighted thousands of theatregoers in years gone by, will be seen at the opera house next Tuesday, Sept. 26, in her new comedy, "The Making Over of Mrs. Matt." The play is from the pen of that popular author, James Forbes, who knows how to write comedy that hits the public appetite. In this, his latest play, he has reached the zenith of his career. As a character actress, May Robson is superb. Her exquisite style and poise, her smooth, nerve-soothing voice and the rapidity with which she changes from the ludicrous to the emotional, always captivates and holds her audiences. "The Making Over of Mrs. Matt" is a comedy of sunshine and laughs, but there are intermingled human interest touches which pull at the heart-strings and call for frequent use of the handkerchief. It is doubtful if ever there was another role created for a character actress so strikingly suitable as "Mrs. Matt" is to Miss Robson.—adv.

His Real Beginning.

"I understand you began life as a newsboy," observed a friend to a "captain of industry."
"No," replied the millionaire. "Some one has been fooling you. I began life as an infant."

VISITED APPLE ORCHARDS.

Vermont Horticulturalists Have Eyes Opened at South Hero.

South Hero, Sept. 21.—More than 100 members of the Vermont Horticultural society gathered here from all over the state yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the apple orchards and to hold a meeting at which the great possibilities of the apple growing industry were outlined.

The members flocked in yesterday morning on trains, by automobiles and by horses.

The first thing on the program was to inspect the orchard of Elmer Hill. He has more than 2,000 young trees between two and three years old.

The next inspection was made of 12 acres owned by Wallace Robinson. The trees here are 21 years old. From them Mr. Robinson expects to pick more than 1,000 bushels of Greenings and Baldwins.

Apple experts present declared it to be one of the finest orchards they had ever seen.

After giving a hurried inspection to several other places the members adjourned to the South Hero inn for dinner.

With President P. H. West of Dorset presiding, the meeting was opened at the church at 1 p. m. Remarks were made by Secretary M. B. Cummings, who spoke of "New England Fruit." B. F. Lutzman of the University of Vermont faculty, Secretary James P. Taylor of the Greater Vermont association, President George W. Perry, Arthur Hill, J. E. Tracy of the Daily News representing the press, C. W. Dana, C. J. Ferguson and a number of others from Burlington.

The objects of the pilgrimage were to see what Vermont is doing in apple raising and to stimulate development along these lines.

DUE TO CARELESSNESS.

Infantile Paralysis Might Have Been Kept Out of Brookfield.

Burlington, Sept. 21.—The three fatalities from infantile paralysis in the family of Albert Jordan of Brookfield might have been avoided had the visitors to his home from Springfield, Mass., used proper precaution. It appears that the visitors had gone from their home in Springfield to Hartford, Conn., and the house at which they visited there contained a case of poliomyelitis, the child dying next day. About a week later they came to Brookfield to visit the mother, father and one child. One or more of them very evidently carried the disease, although they did not become ill themselves for six days. After their arrival the first child was taken ill, the other two coming down with the disease about a week later, all three dying.

The case at Poultney and the one at Fair Haven, which have been quarantined as suspected cases of poliomyelitis, are thought now to be positive cases. Dr. H. A. Ladd of the state laboratory went

yesterday to see a suspected case at Springfield and another at Elmore, which have also been quarantined until a diagnosis is made at the state laboratory. No new cases were reported to the secretary of the board yesterday.

THREE NEW CIRCLES.

Of King's Daughters Organized in Vermont During Year.

Rutland, Sept. 21.—The King's Daughters' circles of Vermont sent nearly a hundred delegates to the 23d annual state convention, the business of which began yesterday morning in the Congregational church in this city. All of the counties were represented, Chittenden sending the largest delegation, 21.

Mrs. Martha Clark of Woodstock, president of the Vermont branch, gave her report, stating that the state has 1937 members in 31 circles. Three new circles were formed during the last year, two in Caledonia county and one in Windsor county. Swanton circle has the largest membership, 134.

AUTO STRUCK BY EXPRESS.

Loren Myott Seriously Injured at Enosburg Falls.

Enosburg Falls, Sept. 21.—Loren Myott was badly injured Tuesday morning, when his auto was struck by the 9:30 express train from Richford at the crossing near the creamery. Some freight cars on the siding hid the train from Mr. Myott's view as he approached the crossing from the north. When he did see it he slowed his machine which was on the track and was struck near the middle and the car, a new one was badly wrecked. Mr. Myott was thrown some distance and was rendered unconscious. After being removed to his home nearby an examination by the physician showed three ribs broken and bruises. Mr. Myott is nearly 70 years of age and not strong, so the shock is a severe one for him.

GRANITEVILLE.

Benefit dance Friday, Sept. 22, in Foresters' hall. Admission, 50c.



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